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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 29-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 05/29/99	Previous Week 05/22/99
Bro-Fry	158,287	159,217
Lt Hens	2,005	2,265
Hvy Hens	1,445	1,455

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 22-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	442	0	442
Last Week	484	5	489
Same Wk Yr Ago	549	0	549
To Date 1999	9,740	137	9,877
To Date 1998	11,388	191	11,579

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,771	1,356	4,127
Last Week	2,859	1,338	4,197
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,716	1,329	4,045
To Date 1999	53,892	26,990	80,882
To Date 1998	53,805	25,087	78,892

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 22-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,354 (A)	2,329	1,356	3,685
Avg Wt	5.10	3.52	8.06	5.19
Last Week	152,430	2,375	1,333	3,708
Same Week Yr Ago	150,254	2,167	1,329	3,496
Avg Wt	4.87	3.47	7.79	5.11
To-Date/1999	3,013,524	44,152	26,853	71,005
To-Date/1998	2,916,847	42,417	24,896	67,313

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.2 million head or 4.4 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending May 15, 1999

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	33,281	25,903	48,442
Avg Weight	3.84	4.76	6.09
% Of Total /1	31%	24%	45%
Comparisons			
Last Week	36,519	27,974	47,249
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	25%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	40,349	35,843	34,899
Avg Weight	3.83	4.81	6.02
% Of Total /1	36%	32%	31%
To Date/1999	632,618	531,932	830,276 ®
To Date/1998	655,633	623,458	612,418

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

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(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 15-May-99 (Thousand Head)

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,491	24	5,515
Avg Wt	0.00	26.57	25.17	26.57
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,464	17	5,481
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,677	53	4,730
Avg Wt	0.00	26.69 (B)	24.40	26.66
To-Date/1999	0	90,052 (B)	595	90,647
To-Date/1998	8	95,629 (B)	711	96,348

(B) Includes 299,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 340,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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